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Claims:

1. A convertible vehicle (1) with a roof (2), which includes, in the closed state, a section (6) on an area directly or indirectly adjacent to the windshield frame (4) that protrudes farther into the passenger compartment (7) than roof areas lying behind it, especially as a component of a transversely running roof strut (6a),

characterized in that

the section (6), on a surface (11) facing the passenger compartment (7) has at least one large-area recess (9, 10), coverable by at least one deformable covering (14, 15).

2 A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 1,

characterized in that

the covering (14, 15) includes a surface of at least 70 square centimeters facing the passenger compartment (7).

3. A convertible vehicle (1) according to one of Claims 1 or 2,

characterized in that

two coverable recesses (9; 10) are present, symmetric to a vertical longitudinal center plane (8) of the vehicle.

4. A convertible vehicle (1) according to one of Claims 1 through 3,

characterized in that

a solder line (19; 20) on the outer surface(s) of the covering(s) (14; 15) includes a rearward facing component, at least over a partial area, and a downward facing component over a partial area.

5. A convertible vehicle (1) according to one of Claims 1 through 4,

characterized in that

that the recess(es) (9, 10) is/are at least twenty-five centimeters wide and ten centimeters deep.

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6. A convertible vehicle (1) according to one of Claims 1 through 5,

characterized in that

the coverings (14, 15), in the calculated head impact area of the driver and/or passenger during a possible front collision, lie on the section (6) protruding into the passenger compartment (7).

7. A convertible vehicle (1) according to one of Claims 1 through 6,

characterized in that

parts for locking the roof strut (6) to the windshield frame (4), especially side safety catches (12), can be mounted through the open recesses (9; 10).

8. A convertible vehicle (1) according to one of Claims 1 through 7,

characterized in that

the covering(s) (14, 15) with an end arranged in the front in the direction of travel (F) that lies on the windshield frame (4) when the roof (2) is closed, is/are screwed to the roof struts (6a).

9. A convertible vehicle (1) according to one of Claims 1 through 8,

characterized in that

that the covering(s) (14, 15) is/are releasably suspendable on a rear end opposite the direction of travel (F) behind at least one protrusion (17) of the roof struts (6a).

10. A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 9,

characterized in that

the protrusion (17) is a hold-down (18) for the covering (14; 15) that prevents it from being forced up.

11. A movable vehicle roof (2) for a convertible vehicle (1) according to one of the Claims 1 through 10.